



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure this week's announcement regarding the delaying of the easing of restrictions came as much of a blow to you as it did us! Some of our end of year plans will now need to be altered and further details will follow shortly. The good news is our Y8 prom can go ahead as it only involves our one bubble. Pupils are working really hard in ADT creating 'casino-themed' decorations for the hall. Unfortunately, transition day for our Y8 pupils cannot go ahead and we are waiting for more information from both HBHS and QEHS.

As a partnership, we have agreed that it will be safer for everyone if parents are not invited to our annual sports day on 7<sup>th</sup> July. I appreciate this is disappointing, but it does mean that our pupils can still enjoy the event safely in their bubbles without any increased risk.

Since joining BMS, I've been continuously amazed by the kindness, generosity and support shown to us by parents and members of the community. I'd like to thank Julie Mobberley for sourcing some excellent new storage trolleys for us which will come in very handy in September!

Have a lovely weekend!

Lindsay Hamilton

### Attendance this week:

**95.58%**

Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.

### Did you know...?



Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

**The government expects your child's attendance to be 95% or better.**

**Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.**

**Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.**





## Thank You!

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Edwin and Pat Wilkinson who have taken the time to spruce up our school grounds. Not only have they donated these beautiful plants but have also given up their time to plant them too. Edwin has done an awful lot for our grounds lately, including repairing our wooden planters so that pupils can still develop their gardening skills. We're lucky to have such wonderful support – thank you!



**Reminder!**  
**Y6 SATs**

Despite 'national SATs' not going ahead this year, we have joined with other middle schools across Northumberland to carry out our own internal SAT process in order to assess attainment and progress for pupils moving forward. From Monday to Thursday next week, our Y6 pupils are completing their end of KS2 SATs and are encouraged to attend our daily SATs breakfast club from 8:30am onwards. We hope that this will relax pupils as much as possible whilst providing some valuable social time too. Staff will be there to chat with pupils as well as ensuring they have a hearty breakfast – an essential ingredient before any examination! Pupils may come into school each day wearing their PE kit in preparation for some 'extra activities' we have planned.





## Scrumptious Scones!

Y5 certainly mastered the 'rubbing-in' method this week as they created the most wonderful scones. Well done to Lewis, who also experimented by adding a dash of cinnamon. Delicious!







## Perfect Personal Statements

Y8 pupils are really getting to grips with our new Careers Education programme. This week, they have been learning how to create the perfect personal statement and why it's crucial to get this 'right' when applying for a job, to college or university. Mrs Parkinson has been seriously impressed and had to share some examples. Well done, Y8!

*I am a highly dependable and motivated worker. Always punctual, I can show up on time and make the most out of my day of work. From experience playing on a football team, I have learnt the importance of working as a team, but also good communication skills and the ability to play my role individually to the best of my ability. Working for a professional riding stable, I understand the significance of appropriate time management, customer satisfaction and high work standards. Planning and organising is crucial to me to ensure I am well equipped and prepared for my job. (Katie)*

*I am a responsible young person who works well in a team, and has shown on many occasions, strong leadership skills. Constantly helping around the house, at my dad's workplace and playing football has made me believe in hard work, determination and dedication. I am passionate about my work, and making the people around me proud and impressed. I can take criticism and use it to improve myself. I will be a very important part of your company, because I am always looking to make things better, and will always be motivated to get work done. For me, trust and honesty is paramount in the workplace. (Arthur)*

*I am a good communicator and thrive working as part of a team, but can also work independently. Working on my parents' farm has taught me to be patient, hardworking and proactive. I am calm and level-headed in stressful situations and can use logic to come up with solutions to problems, I demonstrate this when I ride horses. Planning and organisation is important to me to ensure that I am punctual and well equipped. (Nina)*

*I am an enthusiastic young person who is not afraid of hard work and am able to work in a team and be the leader. I am interested in football as I have always enjoyed playing football. Punctuality and determination are the skills I have demonstrated in the different sports I have played. My final goal is to eventually play for a professional team. (Bayleigh)*

## Does anyone have...?

A plea from our new music teacher, Ms Esposito: does anyone have a piano which is taking up space and is no longer used? If so, we'd love to hear from you. At present, we have one in school which will be used in our school hall for music assemblies. but ideally we'd like one in our new music room too for use in lessons. They're very heavy to be wheeling around school each week from room to room. If you think you can help, please contact:



[middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk)



## North Tyne Youth

North Tyne Youth are delighted to let you know that they are able to restart their regular in-person youth club sessions at Otterburn and Bellingham from next week.



### June-July 2021 What's On

We are so excited to return to our regular venues to start up face-to-face youth clubs again.

Get in touch via email ([Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk](mailto:Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk)), or text or call (07826 020949) to find out more, and to get hold of a Registration Form if you're not already a member.

#### **RTC Otterburn**

[from 22<sup>nd</sup> June]

<Just £1 per young person>

6.00-7.00: Juniors Club (8-11s)

7.15-8.15: Seniors Club (12-18s)

#### **Reed Hall Bellingham**

[from 24<sup>th</sup> June]

<Just £1 per young person>

6.00-7.00: Juniors Club (8-11s)

7.15-8.15: Seniors Club (12-18s)

We don't have to limit group sizes now, but we're going to be very careful and will keep working hard to keep everyone safe. We'll still be social distancing, washing and sanitising our hands lots, and over-11s will need to wear a mask indoors unless exempt.

**We can't wait to see you!**



## Dates for your diary...

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Y6 SATs week

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Post-SATs treat – Y6

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

BMS Sports Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

KS2 Visit – Hexham Book Festival (now pending further advice)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Y8 Prom

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Final day of summer term



## Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device

### Home testing guidance for school children.

(DAY 1) Showing Symptoms OR Positive Home Test



Whole household to self-isolate & tell school



Get confirmatory PCR test

Call 119 or book a test online at  
[www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)



Negative result



Return to school  
if child is well



Positive result



(Day 1-10) Continue self-isolating for 10-days from first day of symptoms.

NB: Isolation period is 10 full days from onset of symptoms (or date of test if no symptoms).



Return to school  
if child is well

Close contacts should continue to self-isolate for 10-days.

Children 16 or under should not be taken to symptom-free testing sites for an LFD test.



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